Forester

**Job Description:** Manage forested lands for economic, recreational, and conservation purposes.

**What does a Forester do?**

* Inventory the type, amount, and location of standing timber and appraise it’s worth.
* Determine how to conserve wildlife habitats, creek beds, water quality, and soil stability, and how best to comply with environmental regulations.
* Devise plans for planting and growing new trees, monitor trees for healthy growth, and determine the best time for harvesting.
* Develop forest management plans for public and privately-owned forested lands.
* Choose and prepare sites for new trees, using controlled burning, bulldozers, or herbicides to clear weeds, brush, and logging debris.
* Direct, and participate in, forest-fire suppression.
* Determine methods of cutting and removing timber with minimum waste and environmental damage.

**Outlook:**

Average Salary - $26.89 hourly, $53,840 annual

Projected Job Openings – 2,600 over the next 10 years.

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like being outdoors?
* Do you like working with a team?
* Do you like to solve problems?
* Do you communicate well with others?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Bachelor’s Degree in Forestry, Natural Resources, or related course of study.